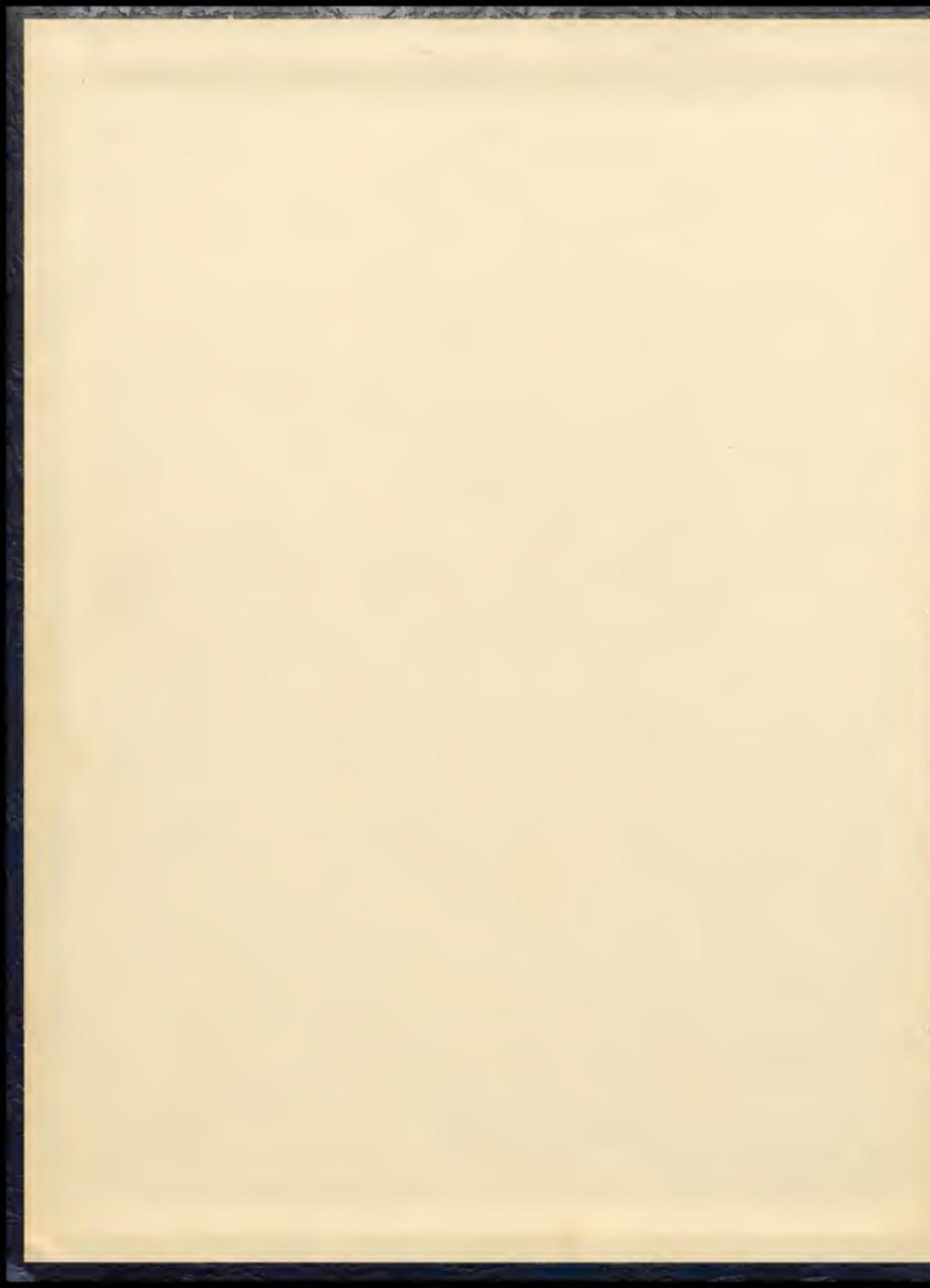


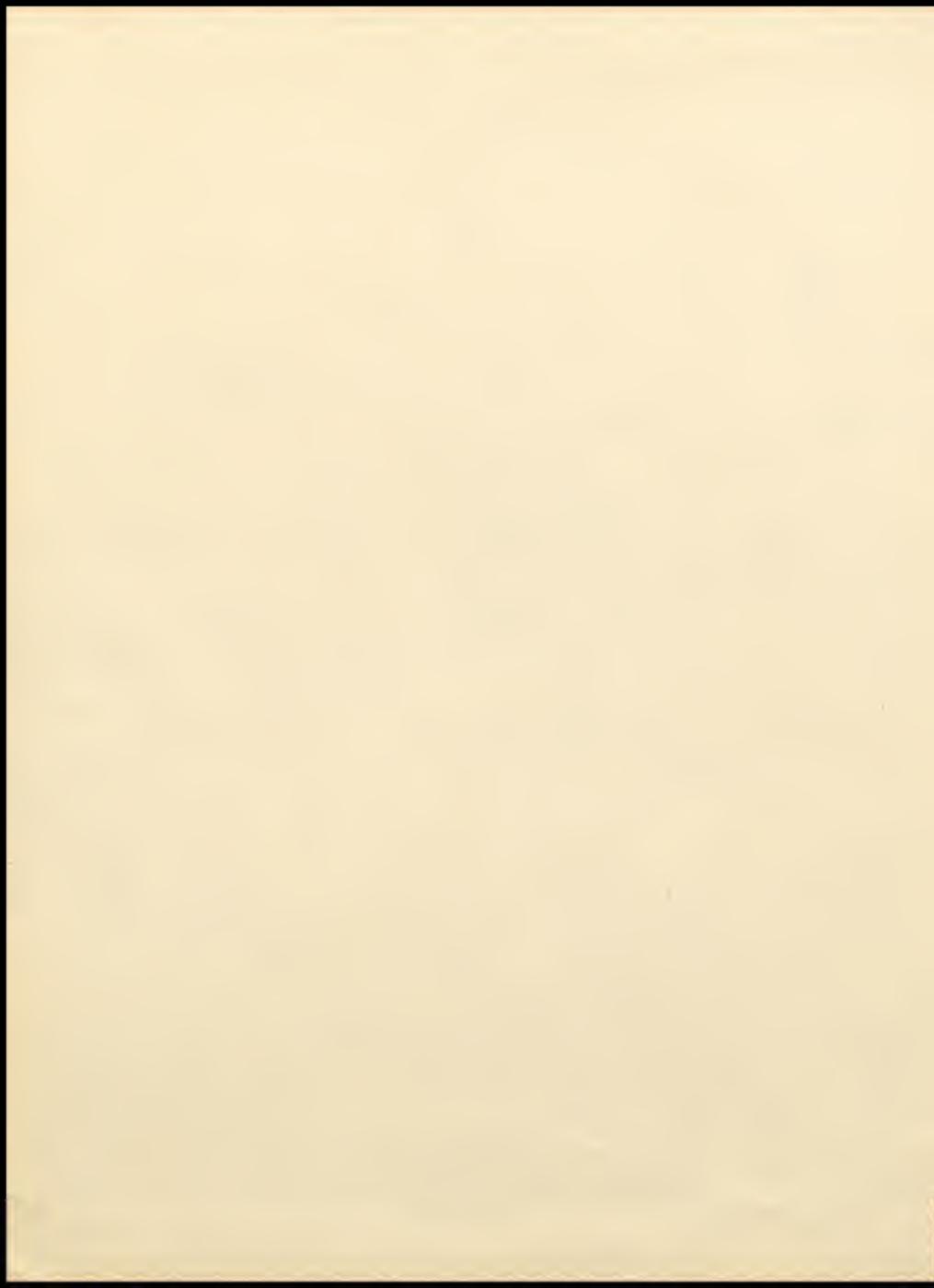


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Dedication

WE, THE *EDISONIAN* STAFF, DEDICATE THIS,
OUR 1954 *EDISONIAN*, IN REMEMBRANCE OF
GEORGE GARBER, JR. HIS LIFE WAS SHORT BUT
FILLED WITH CHEERFULNESS AND GOOD WILL.
AND HE SHALL LIVE ON IN THE MEMORY OF HIS
CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS.



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Foreword

Throughout the year our life at Edison is a combination of studies, sports, clubs, and activities, which is pictured in our 1954 *Edisonian*. On these pages we wish to present realistically inasmuch as possible each phase of this life.

May our yearbook bring back many pleasant memories of our lives in the future.

Editor



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Third row—Nellie Bright, Rosemary Kovacic, Darlene Mitchell, Shirley Pelton, William Halaschak, Bernard Halaschak, Charles Torrez, Ronald Mumaw, Beverly Houck, Rita Halaschak, Catherine Kaiser.

Second row—Shirley Kersey, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Laura Smith, Marcia Klempa, Frank Aloia, Joseph Chester, Carl Jablonski, Alan Jackson, Barbara Bottila, Darlene Kolosc, Peggy Barker.

Front row—James Turner, Thomas Clark, Geraldine Benedict, Leona Mock, Ann Marie Halaschak, Kathleen Blagg, Gloria Conde, Kathryn Pappas, Frederick Armenth, Daryl Hoyt.

CHOIR

Sophomore Ensemble

Top row—Kathryne Pappas, Shirley Pelton, Leona Mock, Geraldine Benedict, Catherine Kaiser, Darlene Mitchell, Barbara Bottila.

Front row—Marcia Klempa, Laura Smith, Shirley Mattingly, Patricia McArdle.



Choir Officers

Gloria Conde, secretary; Kathleen Blagg, treasurer; Ann Marie Halaschak, president; Rita Halaschak, vice-president.



VOCAL DEPARTMENT

Making their first public appearance in their new robes, the members of the choir opened the year with a concert on November 22.

The annual choir-band Christmas concert was presented December 16. December 18, the program consisted of a breakfast, the singing of Christmas carols in the halls of Edison and Central, and the choir-band Christmas convo.

The vocal department took ten first-place and two second-place ratings at the district solo and ensemble contest held at Morton High

School in Hammond on February 6. The first-place winners entered the state contest at Butler University in Indianapolis on February 20 and took four first-place and two second-place ratings.

The choir entered the district contest on April 3 at Walkerton, Indiana, to win first place—later the state contest at Knox, Indiana, on April 10 to win second place.

May 12, the members of the choir held a potluck dinner; following the dinner they gave a program called "School Days."



Cherrilets

First Place—State Contest

Top row—Phyllis Sykes, Susanna Armenth, Gloria Conde, Kathleen Szostek, Twyla McCallister.

Front row—Rosemary Kovacic, Norma Jeanne Patterson, Marilyn Kersey.



Junior Ensemble

First Place—State Contest

Top row—Peggy Barker, Nellie Bright, Ann Marie Halaschak, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Kathleen Blagg.

Front row—Olivia Parker, Louise Kurtos, Phyllis Cohn.

Solo and Ensemble Contest Winners

STATE CONTEST WINNERS: *Top row*—Peggy Barker, first place; Ann Marie Halaschak, first place; Kathleen Szostek, second place; Rosemary Kovacic, second place.

FIRST PLACE DISTRICT CONTEST WINNERS: *Bottom row*—Susanna Armenth, Gloria Conde, Paula Niehaus, James Turner.





State Solo and Ensemble Contest Winners

Top row—BRASS SEXTET (Kendall Spencer, James Warren, Guy Everett, Joyce Minor, Bruce Bailey, Arnold Stegall)—Second Place; Guy Everett First Place.

Bottom row—CLARINET TRIO (Dallas Lehmann, Susanna Armenth, Richard Uhlir)—Second Place; Richard Uhlir—Second Place; Bruce Bailey—Second Place.

First Place District Solo and Ensemble Contest Winners

Top row—Dallas Lehmann, Beverly Berg, Kendall Spencer, Gordon Taylor.

Bottom row—SAXOPHONE DUET (Steven Kozak and Lyndel Adams), Frances Bentley, Beverly Draves.





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Top row—Verle Jones, Charles Warren, Mr. Paulisso.

Fourth row—Carter Jackson, Kendall Spencer, Ruth Garzella, Michael Havrila, Fred Cochran, Jack Hoy, James Warren, Guy Everett, Nancie Martin, Patricia Taylor, Carolan Hiller, Kathleen Botos, Sandra Stetler, Karen Campbell, Antoinette Mayo, Charles Cox, Beverly Draves, Gordon Taylor, Emil Conde, Antoinette Choka, Joyce Brown, William Funkhauer, Beverly Berg, John DeVaney, Bruce Bailey, Arnold Segall.

Second row—Barbara Havrilesko, Carolyn Matte, Joyce Follow, Kathleen Kulin, Carol Maurer, Phyllis Maurer, Floyd Kettering, Sally Summers, Joyce Minor, Betty Jakich, Judith Wesley, Richard Whisen, Marilyn Ketsay, Steven Koak, Marilyn Homola, Joyce Cunningham.

Front row—Phyllis Sykes, Susanna Armenth, Richard Ulrich, Phyllis Bumher, David Hareh, Dallas Lehmann, Penelope Kettering, Anne Walker, Marjorie Matthe, Janice Johnston, Karen Havrilesko, Frances Bentley, Wayne Brown.

Band Officers

John DeVaney, vice-president; Marilyn Kersey, treasurer; Barbara Havrilesko, secretary; Richard Uhlir, president.



Majorettes

Top row—Carol Broadway, Louise Kurtos, Sandra Owens, Joyce Cunningham, drum major.

Front row—Sheryl Hoyt, Susan Broadway.



Dance Band

Top row—Carter Jackson, Kendall Spencer, Jack Hoyt, Bruce Bailey, Gordon Taylor, Verle Jones, Guy Everett.

Front row—Richard Uhlir, Phyllis Sykes, Joyce Cunningham, Steven Kozak, Marilyn Kersey.



INSTRUMENTAL DEPARTMENT

First of all, the band cooperated with the school by giving performances at the home football and basketball games, convos, P.T.A. programs, and various other programs.

The band received sixteen first-place and twenty-six second-place ratings at the district solo and ensemble contest held at Morton High School in Hammond on February 6. First-place winners went to the state contest at Butler University on February 20 to win one first-place and four second-place ratings.

Concerts were given on November 11 at Columbus School, on November 17 for the Central-Edison P.T.A., on December 16 for the annual band-choir Christmas program, on

December 18 for the annual band-choir Christmas convo, and May 9 for the annual Spring Concert.

April 3, a first-place rating was taken by the band at the district contest, which was held at Walkerton, Indiana. April 10, the band took second place at the state contest at Knox, Indiana.

The band's first trip was taken to participate in Indiana University's high school marching band at the football game on October 10. The final trip was a tour of southern Indiana on April 29, 30, and May 1.

The last instrumental performance was at Commencement on May 28.



Upper left—Betty Jakich, Verna Faitak, and Marilyn Homolla, advertising managers, preparing posters for sales campaign.

Lower left—Barbara Havrilesko, associate editor; Joyce Minor, editor; and Gloria Conde, associate editor.

Upper right—Lorraine Dreyovich and Carol Clingen, business managers, receiving ad from Meister's Drug Store.

Lower right—Joyce Brown, Susanna Armenth, and Rosemary Kovacic, copy editors, at work.

Not pictured—Richard Uhliir, sports editor.

EDISONIAN STAFF

The *Edisonian* staff with the able assistance of Miss Hartley and Mr. Coner published again the yearly *Edisonian*. The 1954 edition was based on realism and was produced under the guidance of the staff's motto: "It's time for a change" throughout the year.

Much hard work has been put forth in the securing of ads, the subscription campaign, and the publishing in general. The goal of the staff

was to publish a book that would please everyone and hurt no one's feelings as well as the best annual to be printed in Edison High School. The members of the staff have worked hard to achieve their goal.

We wish to thank the faculty, the administration, the students, our advertisers, our sponsor, our photographer, and anyone who has helped to make our book a success.



Upper left—Barbara Havrilesko, editor, and Donna Berg, associate editor.

Lower left—Marilynn McEwan, Kendra Zinkovich, Claudette Cruikshank, Marilyn Homolla, Betty Jakich, Gloria Conde, Rita Halaschak, Patricia Taylor—machine operators.

Sited—Lorraine Dreyovich, typist.

Upper right—Stephen Smith, sports editor; Patricia Skeets, art editor; and Richard Uhlir, associate sports editor.

Lower right—Susanna Armenth, Carol Clingan, Kay Robertson, Norma Jeanne Patterson, Rosemary Kovacic, Joyce Brown, Ruth Prokop—reporters and typists.

EAGLE FEATHERS

Every two weeks an issue of our school paper, *Eagle Feathers*, was published by the staff. Sometimes we did not think we would meet our deadline, but through hard work of the staff and help from our sponsor, Miss Hartley, and our English critics—Mrs. Crisman, Mrs. Chapman, and Mr. Owen—we were able to print a paper that we hope all liked and appreciated.

The paper was comprised primarily of news articles about school, class, organization, sports, and sometimes outside activities. It also contained spiritual, moral, and educational editorials for the purpose of improving our school and helping the students to gain knowledge of importance.



Top row—Nick Morikis, Bernard Halaschak, Michael Havrilla, Dallas Lehmann, Edward Houck, Donald McBride, Richard Uhli, Jack Hoyt, Charles Gilmore, Mr. Owen, sponsor.

Second row—Norma Jeanne Patterson, Leona Zieba, Felix Ortiz, James Meister, Warren Ellis, Ann Marie Halaschak, Claudette Cruikshank, Marilyn Homolla.

Front row—Charlene Strong, Shirley Pelton, Rita Werner, Peggy Barker, Judith Gardner.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Our Student Council is different from other organizations of the school since it is a student government organization and its purpose is to recommend to the administration improvements

in the functioning of the daily school program, regulations, and activities. Each organization and class including the eighth grade was represented on the Council.

Officers and Sponsor

Mr. Owen, sponsor; Warren Ellis, vice-president; Ann Marie Halaschak, secretary-treasurer; James Meister, president.



Once again, the most important social event sponsored by the Council during the school year was the annual Homecoming Dance, which was held after the Portage football game on October 16. Betty Jakich was crowned as Homecoming Queen by James Meister, student council president.

During the Christmas season of the year, the Council decorated the halls with colorful lights and angel hair. The beautiful Christmas decorations added a bit of cheer and seemed to manifest a real Christmas spirit among the student body and faculty.



Top row—Phyllis Maurer, Frances Bentley, Carol Maurer, Judith Kersey, Carolyn Huckabee, Joyce Follow, Elizabeth Todd, Judith Keyak, Lee Morrison, Carl Jablonski, Charles Torrez, Ernest Kingery, David Renjani, Rita Werner, Dolores Aloia, Judith Wignall, Janice Michaels, Barbara Alexander, Mary Tsacoumangos, Linda Smith.

Fourth row—Gloria Conde, Phyllis Sykes, Marilyn Kersey, Phyllis Bumbera, Ann Marie Halaschak, Virginia Cherry, Sharon McKinney, Patsy Huckabee, Twyla McCallister, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Demetria Kappos, Betty Jakich, Dorothea Mize, Josephine Kushneruk, Marianne Zieba, Joyce Cunningham, Alberta Nagy.

Third row—Trinidad Lopez, Darlene Zinkovich, Sandra Owens, Audree Duffee, Catherine Kaiser, Martha Cruikshank, Janet Evolga, Joann Newman, Susanna Armenth, Patricia McArdle, Barbara Zajac, Gladys Whitten, Sandra Berg.

Second row—Barbara Bottila, Shirley Pelton, Leona Mock, Bessie Morikis, Anne Walker, Betty Mize, Marie Lopez, Marjorie Mattie, Jacqueline Pociak, Mary Muldoon, Leona Zieba, Kendra Zinkovich, Rita Drake, Jacqueline Zellers, Beverly Hoskins.

Front row—Carolyn Mattie, Bonita Rentz, Darlene Mitchell, Lorraine Dreyovich, Joyce Minor, Barbara Havrilesko, Carol Clingan, Eva Peek, Kathleen Kadish, Karen Havrilesko, Paula Niehaus, Loretta Gray.

BOOSTER CLUB

Much credit should be given to the members of the Booster Club for the school spirit they spread throughout the football and basketball seasons for the third consecutive year. Bus transportation was arranged by the club to away-from-home games.

A dance, the proceeds of which was used for cheerleader uniforms, was sponsored after the game with Morton High School of Hammond on October 30. A second dance was given after the Hobart game on January 22—the proceeds being used to pay for part of the bus transportation to away-from-home games.

Officers and Sponsors

Mr. Bromberg, sponsor; Marcia Klempa, treasurer; Kathrynne Pappas, secretary; Kathleen Blagg, vice-president; Claudette Cruikshank, president; Mr. Owen, sponsor.





Officers and Sponsor

Leona Zicha, president; Sandra Berg, treasurer; Mrs. Miller, sponsor; Donna Berg, vice-president; Kendra Zinkovich, secretary.

G. A. A.

"More active than preceding years" seemed to be the slogan of the Girls Athletic Association this year. Throughout the year the girls participated in group sports such as basketball, volleyball, bowling, and swimming.

By taking part in group sports, the girls earned points to earn a letter and a sweater in their senior year. Red sweaters with black letters were chosen by the seniors.

An informal initiation of the new members was held in the gymnasium on September 30.

The G.A.A. sponsored a dance after the Griffith basketball game on January 15. The senior girls played against the girls of the Bell Telephone operators in a basketball game on March 4. This was the first time that the girls of Edison played an outside opponent for many years, as Edison had had a girls' basketball team in her early history before the G.A.A. was organized in 1939.

The annual banquet was held at the Marshall House in Gary on April 28, at which time the awards were presented.

G.A.A. Initiation



Initiation Pictures



—Courtesy of Bruce Bailey



Top row—Phyllis Maurer, Judith Kersey, Margaret Downs, Mary Muldoon, Mary Tsacoumangos, Barbara Alexander, Judith Mosak, Agnes Semanick, Betty Jakich, Marilyn Homolla, Judith Keyak, Jacqueline Pociak, Marjorie Mattie, Angela Glorioso, Kathleen Kadish.

Third row—Lois McEwan, Ruth Thompson, Janet Evolga, Dolores Aloia, Judith Wignall, Carolyn O'Kelly, La Verne Smith, Frances Ritchenson, Carol Maurer, Rita Werner, Eva Peek, Terry Bishop, Darlene Kolosci, Frances Bentley.

Second row—Marjorie Schavey, Jacqueline Amstein, Beverly Draves, Romane Klisz, Eva Kiraly, Elizabeth Todd, Paula Nichaus, Twyla McCallister, Patricia Taylor, Nancee Martin, Anne Walker, June Robertson, Betty Przybysz, Linda Smith.

Front row—Carole Ahern, Norma Jeanne Patterson, Joan Newman, Joyce Brown, Joyce Grogan, Isabel Dayberry, Helen Coulter, Virginia Cherry, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Kathleen Blagg, Barbara Schaefer, Phyllis Ruud.

G. A. A.

Top row—Verna Faitak, Carolyn Zack, Joyce Adams, Sharon Jarabek, Claudette Cruikshank, Nancy King, Leona Mock, Patricia Brown, Angeline Castro, Rita Drake, Dorothy Rentz, Dorothy Thompson, Violet Wincinger.

Third row—Penelope Kettering, Louise Kurtos, Carolyn Mattie, Kathleen Bottos, Martha Cruikshank, Patricia McArdle, Catherine Kaiser, Barbara Bottila, Kathryn Pappas, Marianne Zieba, Toni Tucker, Bessie Morris, Jeanette Snell, Joyce Follow.

Second row—Marguerite Patterson, Geraldine Benedict, Arlene Johnston, Karen Havrilesko, Shirley Mattingly, Alberta Nagy, Sharon McKinney, Judith Gardner, Shirley Pelton, Joyce Cunningham, Darlene Zinkovich, Patsy Huckabee, Catherine Lopez, Sandra Owens, Carolyn Huckabee.

Front row—Dolores Myers, Ann Marie Halaschak, Antoinette Choka, Gladys Whitten, Carol Broadway, Elizabeth Rich, Gloria Castro, Betty Mize, Ursula Norvil, Dorothée Mize, Audree Duffee, Loretta Gray, Nancy Bogdon.





Officers and Sponsor

Joyce Adams, parliamentarian; Betty Jakich, vice-president; Ann Marie Halaschak, historian; Mrs. Milchak, sponsor; Marilyn Homolla, president; Martha Cruikshank, secretary; Phyllis Bumbera, treasurer.

REKAMEMOH CLUB

Rekamemohs began the year with the initiation of the new members. During the first week of school a "Big and Little Sister Week" was held. As a climax of the week of initiation a formal tea was given in honor of the new members on September 11.

Mrs. Milchak, who gave the club its first "big push," was the sponsor the first semester. Following Mrs. Milchak's resignation, Mrs. Gleason, the new home economics teacher, sponsored the club the second semester.

Mrs. Gleason, the club's sponsor the second semester, making plans with some of the members of the club.





Top row—Sally Summers, Gladys Whitten, Barbara Zajac, June Manning, Josephine Kushneruk, Elizabeth Rich, Gloria Castro, Nancy Bogdon, Loretta Gray, Betty Mize, Adriee Duffee.

Third row—Carolyn Zack, Verna Faitak, Agnes Semajuk, Gloria Coude, Rita Halaschak, Rosemary Kovacic, Donna Berg, Claudette Crukshank, Ruth Prokop, Patricia Skeens.

Second row—Ursula Norvil, Sharon Jarabek, Beverly Berg, Virginia Cherry, Helen Coniter, Marylan Thompson, Nellie Bright, Carol Broadway, Kathleen Blagg, Barbara Schaefer.

Front row—Marianne Zieba, Dorothy Thompson, Rita Drake, Darlene Mitchell, Toni Tucker, Bessie Morikis, Geraldine Benedict, Betty Schmelzer, Yvonne Buzeman.

REKAMEMOH CLUB

Top row—Laura Smith, Olivia Parker, Arlene Kupke, Antoinette Choka, Carolann Hiller, Ruth Garzella, Kathrynne Pappas, Sandra Owens, Carol Schloff.

Third row—Kathleen Bottos, Edna Jones, Dorothy Mize, Patricia McArdle, Catherine Kaiser, Barbara Bottila, Leona Mock, Nancy King.

Second row—Demetria Kappos, Karen Havrilcsko, Shirley Mattingly, Marcia Klempa, Shirley Pelton, Darlene Zinkovich, Joyce Cunningham, Sandra Berg.

Front row—Alberta Nagy, Sharon McKinney, Judith Gardner, Patricia Brown, Bonita Rentz, Angeline Castro, Patsy Huckabee, Catherine Lopez.





Top row—Barbara Poffinbarger, Loretta Gray, Carolyn Zack, Joyce Adams, Verna Faitak, Kendra Zinkovich, Claudette Cruikshank, Donna Berg, Trinidad Lopez, Marie Hernandez, Louise Kurtos, Irene Pedroza, Kathleen Blagg.

Fourth row—Joyce Minor, Lorraine Dreyovich, Sally Summers, Barbara Zajac, June Manning, Josephine Kushneruk, Gladys Whitten, Carol Broadway, Elizabeth Rich, Gloria Castro, Sharon Jarabek, Barbara Schaefer, Phyllis Bumbera.

Third row—Twyla McCallister, Joyce Grogan, Joyce Brown, Betty Mize, Nancy Bogdon, Audree Duffee, Dorothea Mize, Beverly Berg, Virginia Cherry, Helen Coulter, Nellie Bright, Patricia Skeens, Marilyn Homola.

Second row—Agnes Semanick, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Olivia Parker, Marilyn McEwan, Arlene Kupke, Marylan Thompson, Antoinette Choka, Raedeane Hickman, Peggy Barker, Carol Thorgren, Phyllis Cohn, Beverly Hoskins, Jacqueline Zellers, Ruth Prokop.

Front row—Marie Lopez, Joan Newman, Leona Zieba, Nancee Martin, Patricia Taylor, Rita Halaschak, Rosemary Kovacic, Marilyn Kersey, Phyllis Sykes, Carol Clingan, Susanna Armenth, Gloria Conde, Barbara Havrilesko, Betty Jakich.

SUNSHINE SOCIETY

Carrying on its tradition of spreading good will and giving a helping hand to the needy, the society, consisting of junior and senior girls, gave Christmas baskets, sent cards to shut-ins,

and gave the annual contribution to the Riley Hospital.

Candle-light initiation services, which signifies the purpose of the society, was held in the gym on October 27.

Convention activities consisted of: first, six members and their sponsor attending the district convention at Delphi on October 10—also seeing Camp Tecumseh, the site of SSS Camp; second, nine members with their sponsor going to the state convention at Walash on April 10.

The annual Sweetheart Dance was held on February 13—with Barbara Schaefer reigning as Sweetheart Queen.

Four members took the state nurse's scholarship test. The final event was the breakfast at Riverside Park on May 20.





Top row—Carol Schleff, Kathryne Pappas, Leona Mock, Martha Cruikshank, Catherine Kaiser, Shirley Pelton, Marcia Klempa, Catherine Lopez, Patsy Huckabee, Shirley Kersey, Darlene Mitchell, Alberta Nagy, Sharon McKinney, Dorothy Thompson, Rita Drake.

Third row—Judith Mosak, Kathleen Bottos, Demetria Kappos, Laura Smith, Ruth Garzella, Patricia Brown, Violet Wineinger, Judith Gardner, Karen Havrilesko, Shirley Keele, Lela Ford, Sandra Berg, Marianne Zieba.

Second row—Sandra Owens, Carolyn Mattie, Bonita Rentz, Angeline Castro, vice-president; Barbara Bottila, president; Shirley Mattingly, secretary-treasurer; Betty Schmelzer, Nancy King, Patricia McArdle, Mrs. Chapman, sponsor.

Front row—Jeanette Snell, Carolann Hiller, Eunice Maxwell, Toni Tucker, Darlene Zinkovich, Joyce Cunningham, Arlene Johnston, Jeraldine Benedict.

S. F. G. C.

The Sophomore-Freshman Girl's Club was organized for all the girls of these two classes this year. The programs were on informative topics of interest to the girls. Co-officers were chosen, one set from each class, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Chapman.

Top row—Phyllis Maurer, Ruth Thompson, Romane Klisz, Frances Dayberry, Peggy Scott, Joyce Smith, Laverne Smith, Mary Tsacoumangos, Frances Bentley, Paula Niehaus, Edith Chambliss, Johnye Broadway, Beverly Draves, Rita Werner, Judith Wignall, Judith Kersey.

Third row—Carole Ahern, Darlene Kolosci, Angela Gioroso, Joan Johnston, Marjorie Mattie, Linda Smith, Jacqueline Pocialik, Eva Kiraly, Dolores Myers, Elizabeth Todd, Marguerite Patterson, Kathleen Kadish, Carol Maurer, Mary Najar, Janice Michaels.

Second row—Janet Evolga, Carolyn Huckabee, Terry Bishop, Eva Peek, Margaret Downs, Jacqueline Amstein, secretary-treasurer; Joyce Follow, president; Carolyn O'Kelly, vice-president; Dolores Aloia, Mary Muldoon, Ann Walker, Elaine Bennett.

Front row—Marjorie Schavey, Lois McEwan, Frances Ritcheson, Betty Ann Przybysz, Barbara Alexander, Judith Keyak, June Robertson, Betty Greer, Diana Cornwell.





Top row—Richard Uhlir, Kathleen Szostek, Susanna Armenth, Helen Nolan, Robert Bendfelt, Judith Gardner, Nancy King, Patricia McArdle, Kenneth Skeen.

Second row—Joyce Minor, Isabel Dayberry, Barbara Havrilesko, Alberta Nagy, Catherine Kaiser, Betty Jakich, Karen Havrilesko, Carol Clingan.

Front row—Rosemary Kovacic, Marilyn Kersey, Dorothy Thompson, Sylvia Davis, Marianne Zieba, Gloria Conde.

F. T. A.

At the beginning of the year, a new club was organized and comprised of the future teachers of America, calling its chapter the Virgil I. Bailey Chapter after Mr. Bailey, our school's superintendent. Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Roos were the club's sponsors.

Officers and Sponsors

Top row—Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Roos, sponsors.

Front row—Barbara Poffnberger, secretary-treasurer; Marily Homolla, vice-president; Phyllis Cohn, president.



The chapter was formed to help students who thought they might wish to become teachers in deciding which grade of teaching they might prefer.

As one of its projects the club gave assignments to members to observe, to help, and then to teach as cadet teachers. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores who met the grade requirements were given assignments.

A hot dog sale was sponsored at the noon hour as a financial project of the club.

The year was concluded with a trip to Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, Indiana, on May 19.



Top row—Kathryne Pappas, Shirley Kersey, Dorothy Thompson, Susanna Armenth, Kathleen Szostek, Patricia McArdle, Shirley Mattingly, Louise Kurtos, Beverly Berg, Barbara Bottila.

Third row—Kendall Spencer, Carl Jablonski, Dallas Lehmann, Bruce Bailey, James Warren, Wayne Wesley, Charles Warren, Alan Jackson.

Second row—Kathleen Blagg, Rosemary Kovacic, Shirley Pelton, Marcia Klempa, Peggy Barker, Nellie Bright, Barbara Havrilesko, Gloria Conde, Olivia Parker, Marilyn Kersey.

Front row—Joyce Cunningham, Sally Summers, Darlene Mitchell, Geraldine Benedict, Leona Mock, Ann Marie Halaschak, Phyllis Sykes.

MODERN MUSIC MASTERS

Modern Music Masters was organized as a new club during the second semester, as an honorary organization designed to promote an interest in music in the school and the community.

The first initiation was held after a program, which was presented by the entrants of the district solo and ensemble contest, on January 20. Membership keys and cards were issued at that time to all members who had completed the required tests satisfactorily.

Officers and Sponsors

3 M'S CONVENTION

On March 27 and 28, James Warren, Peggy Barker, Joyce Cunningham, and Dallas Lehmann were delegates at the National Modern Music Masters Convention.



Top row—Miss Grabill, sponsor; Richard Uhli, secretary; Joseph Chester, vice-president; Mr. Paolissio, sponsor.

Front row—Catherine Kaiser, historian; Joyce Minor, president; Norma Jeanne Patterson, treasurer.





Pictures For Our Edisonian



ACTIVITIES





Homecoming

Homecoming Queen Candidates

Top Picture—Gloria Conde, Betty Jakich, Lorraine Dreyovich, Ruth Prokop.

Picture at left—Gloria Conde, Betty Jakich, queen; Ruth Prokop, Lorraine Dreyovich, James Meister, Student Council President.

Picture at right—Ruth Prokop, Lorraine Dreyovich, Betty Jakich, queen; James Meister, Student Council President; Gloria Conde.

Bottom picture—Betty Jakich, queen.







Top row—Mrs. Crisman, Patricia Taylor, Kathleen Szostek, Carl Sanders, Barbara Poffinbarger, Richard Uhlir, Beverley Hoskins.

Front row—Betty Jakich, Jacqueline Zellers, Joyce Grogan, Joyce Minor, Barbara Havrilesko.

SENIOR PLAY

Nine seniors presented the comedy, "Let Me Grow Up," under the direction of Mrs. Crisman on November 6: Barbara Havrilesko as Lexie; Joyce Minor, Muriel; Richard Uhlir, Matt; Barbara Poffinbarger, Nola Fleming; Jacqueline Zellers, Aunt Lydia; Betty Jakich, Mary Jo; Kathleen Szostek, Arden; Carl Sanders, Bill Henderson; Joyce Grogan, Mrs. Holden.





Standing—George Glick, freshman; David Fronczak, sophomore; Arnold Stegall, senior; James Meister, Student Council President; Mary Muldoon, freshman; Phyllis Cohn, junior; Carolyn Zack, senior.

ANNUAL P.T.A. CARNIVAL

November 13

Each class chose its candidate for the carnival king and queen. The candidates having the highest number of votes were crowned the night of the carnival. Of the numerous concessions this event was the most thrilling for high school students.

One of the many concessions
at the Carnival



Music Department furnishes
entertainment for Carnival





Student Council decorated hall
for the Christmas Season



Student Council supervised
monitor system in the halls



Library Assistants—Dorothy Thompson, Helen Coulter, Nauee Martin, Ann Marie Halasehak, Phyllis Sykes.



Dallas Lehmann
Sweet Shop Manager



F.T.A. gets real experience.



Picture upper left-hand corner—Sunshine Society officers under the supervision of their sponsor, Mrs. Chapman, conducted the Sunshine initiation, an impressive candlelight service, on October 27—Ann Marie Halaschak, Ursula Norvil, Norma Jeanne Patterson, Isabel Dayberry.

Picture lower left-hand corner—Sweetheart Dance Court: Rosemary Kovacic, Sherry Niehaus, last year's queen; Barbara Schaefer, Sweetheart Queen; Norma Jeanne Patterson, Ann Marie Halaschak.

Pictures on the right-hand side—Annual Sweetheart Dance, February 13.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL LAKE COUNTY GIRLS' CONFERENCE

Approximately 500 girls from twenty-one high schools attended the Fifteenth Annual Lake County Girls' Conference, which was held in our school on April 24. The morning program was opened with a welcome by Mr. Bailey, superintendent of East Gary Schools; Mr. Roos, principal of Edison High School; and James Meister, Student Council president. A talk was given by Miss Elizabeth Kressler on her summer tours of Europe. At 11:00 A. M. the girls divided into smaller discussion groups and for an hour discussed the subjects: friends in the home, further education, marriage and/or business, boy friends, and high school clubs. At noon, lunch was served by mothers of Edison girls under the supervision of Mrs. Gleason, home economics instructor. The afternoon program featured group singing led by Ann Marie Halaschak, Harriet Allyn, a humorist, and a style show presented by the Coronet Shop.

Officers of the Lake County Girls' Conference as pictured in the upper right-hand corner on the next page—Sally Summers, secretary; Margaret Sheets of Merrillville, vice-president; Joyce Minor, president; Mrs. Hilda Chapman, sponsor.





Top row—Mrs. Crisman, Antoinette Choka, Carl Jablonski, Beverly Berg, Kenneth Skeen, Frank Aloia, Lester Loden.

Second row—Kathleen Blagg, Audree Duffee, Phyllis Cohn, Virginia Cherry, Phyllis Bumbera.

Front row—Ann Marie Halaschak, George Greer.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

"Off the Track" was presented by the juniors on April 9. The cast consisted of the station agent whose name was John Morgan, Frank Aloia; Silas Dobbins, George Greer; Flickie Nelson, Antoinette Choka; Betty Phillips, Virginia Cherry; Joan Parker, Phyllis Bumbera; Mrs. Guarino, Audree Duffee; Antonia Guarino, Ann Marie Halaschak; Bill Lindsay, Lester Loden; Oscar Pozenby, Kenneth Skeen; Willie Woodson, Carl Jablonski; Evalina Bumpass, Beverly Berg; Mrs. Vanderventer, Kathleen Blagg; Miss Pidgie McDougal, Phyllis Cohn.





P R O M

May 13, the Junior-Senior Prom provided an enchanted evening of dancing, enhanced with the beautifully lighted Stardust theme and music of Fred Robert's orchestra at the Marquette Park Pavilion.



Top row—Joyce Minor, valedictorian and American Legion award; Kay Robertson, salutatorian; Barbara Havrilesko, activities award; Joyce Brown, Veterans of Foreign Wars award.

Bottom row—James Meister, American Legion award; Edward Houck, athletic award; Richard Uhlir, activities award; Jack Hoyt, Veterans of Foreign Wars award.

The five commencement student speakers were Edward Houck, class president; Joyce Brown, Joan Newman, Richard Uhlir, and Joyce Minor, valedictorian.



ATHLETICS





Varsity Football Squad

Top row—Coach Georgakis, Raymond Houck, Lawrence Petruzelli, Russell Byrum, Guy Everett, John Smith, Richard Lambert, William Smith, Robert Muraco, Assistant Coach Bromberg.

Second row—Ken Hardebeck, Ronald Rafferty, Jerome Barnes, Donald McBride, Stephen Smith, Edward Houck, Keith Brimmer, Charles Gilmore, Jan Rappata, Robert Mayka.

Front row—George Morikis, Roy Taylor, Joseph Chester, Frank Aloia, Felix Ortiz, Mitchell Najar, Carter Jackson, Ray Taylor, Alan Jackson.

Football

Varsity

Edison's record of her seventh year in football history consisted of one victory, two ties, and seven defeats. The players gained valuable experience in good sportsmanship and fair play under the leadership of Coach Georgakis and Assistant Coach Bromberg. Joseph Chester was chosen on the All-Conference Team.

Season's Record

	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Edison</i>
Portage	13	13
Merrillville	20	0
Hobart	26	0
Wirt	13	0
North Judson	20	14
Dyer	0	7
Portage	6	6
Rensselaer	38	7
Morton of Hammond	26	6
Edison of Gary	37	6



SENIOR LETTERMEN

Felix Ortiz
Mitchell Najar
Ray Taylor

Keith Brimmer
Jan Rappatta
Edward Houck

Stephen Smith
Carter Jackson
Roy Taylor





RESERVES

The Reserve squad has improved each year during the past three years under the coaching of Assistant Coach Gaza. This year's record consisted of four victories, one tie, and three defeats.

Season's Record

	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Edison</i>		<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Edison</i>
Portage	0	8	Wirt	0	6
Merrillville	0	8	Dyer	7	0
Holy Angels	6	7	Portage	7	0
Hobart	6	0	Edison of Gary	0	0

Top row—Assistant Coach Arington, Edward Dawson, Charles Ivlow, Larry Blue, Russell Byrum, William Sonntag, Thomas Hodge, Lawrence Petruzelli, Coach Gaza.

Second row—Lloyd Wagner, Steven Kozak, Robert Boznak, William Halaschak, Donald Przybysz, Frank Mockaitis, Lawrence Snopl, Charles Melton.

Front row—Thomas Clark, Steven Palos, Lee Morrison, Robert Gilmore, Michael Wagner, Ronald Rafferty, Paul Jarabek.





Top row—Assistant Coach Haddad, Alex Zinkovich, Joseph Chester, Paul Blue, Mr. Roos, Donald McBride, Frank Aloia, Wayne Wesley, Coach Gaza.

Second row—Gene Brock, Robert Mayka, Warren Ellis, Edward Houck, James Meister, Andrew Grusak, Paul Jarabek.

Front row—Robert Bendfelt, Paul Brock, Felix Ortiz, Donald Shomaker, Paul Kurtos.

Basketball

VARSITY

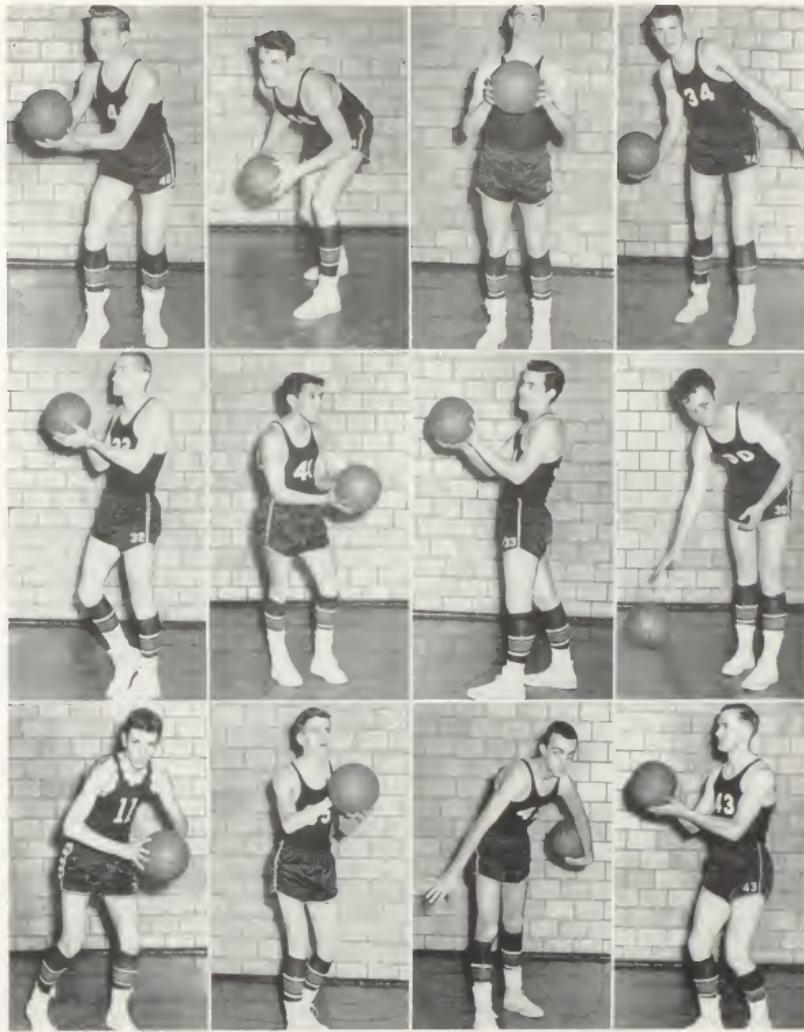
Under our new coach, Mr. Gaza, the Varsity improved over recent years by winning nine and losing ten games and placing third in the Calumet Conference with a five and three record. Although the season opened with two consecutive losses, the Eagles did not lose confidence and, thus, defeated Dyer, Wirt, and Wheatfield. After losing the Calumet Township Tournament, they defeated the tough Edison team of Gary a week later. They lost a hard-fought game to Griffith but bounced over Lowell and battered Hobart in an overtime period by one point. Merrillville, leading the conference for the second time, defeated the Eagles as did the Indians of Portage. One of the most brilliantly played games of the season was the victory over Brook, who at that time had lost only one game of the season, followed by a loss to Wheeler and Chesterton. In the Gary Sectionals the Eagles, again, defeated the Troopers of Wirt but lost by only two points in the semi-finals.

Warren Ellis was chosen as the most valuable player and received the award given by the Adult Booster Club of East Gary; he was selected on the Chicago Tribune All Conference Team and the original coaches' All Conference Team. Edward Houck was selected by

the players as honorary captain; also, Ed Houck and Robert Mayka received honorable mention on the All Conference Team.

Season's Record

	Opponent	Edison
Merrillville	82	39
Calumet Township	63	42
Alumni	44	59
Dyer	39	41
Wirt	45	54
Wheatfield	52	53
Calumet Township Tournament		
Hobart	52	38
Calumet Township	53	44
Edison	54	57
Griffith	46	38
Lowell	45	69
Hobart	63	64
Merrillville	64	45
Portage	57	53
Brook	63	65
Wheeler	68	66
Chesterton	60	51
Gary Sectionals		
Wirt	46	50
Hobart	57	55



VARSITY FIRST TWELVE

James Meister

Robert Mayka

Wayne Wesley

Edward Houck

Felix Ortiz

Donald Shomaker

Warren Ellis

Paul Brock

Donald McBride

Andrew Grusak

Robert Bendfelt

Paul Blue



**Varsity
Cheerleaders**

Left

Betty
Jakich

Top

Phyllis
Bumbera

Right

Ann Marie
Halaschak

Center

Carl
Jablonski

Bottom

Virginia
Cherry



Song Leaders

Carol Maurer
Eva Peek
Carolyn O'Kelly
Rita Werner
Frances Dayberry
Phyllis Maurer



**B-Team
Cheerleaders**

Top row

Kathryne
Pappas

Front row

Laura
Smith
Linda
Smith
Judith
Kersey





Top row—Assistant Coach Haddad, William Maxwell, Richard Chantos, Richard Lambert, John Meitzler, Coach Gaza.

Front row—Bert Rhynearson, Robert Muraco, Paul Jarabek, Gerald Klimczyk, Ernest Kingery.

B - TEAM

The B-Team ended the season with nine wins and ten losses. Edison's B-Team consisted of sophomores and freshmen, who made a good showing against older boys of competing B-Teams. The season's points are as follows: Kingery, 118; Muraco, 110; Maxwell, 84; Chantos, 74, Rhynearson, 48.

Season's Record

	Opponent	Edison		Opponent	Edison
Merrillville	43	57	Bishop Noll	30	37
Calumet Township	56	31	Calumet Township	71	34
Freshman	30	39	Griffith	51	22
Dyer	35	31	Lowell	42	57
Wirt	48	46	Hobart	53	62
Wheatfield	46	50	Merrillville	46	36
Edison	47	42	Portage	45	36
Calumet Township Tournament			Brook	59	45
Tolleston	32	35	Wheeler	31	34
			Chesterton	66	28





Freshman A-Team

Top row—Coach Haddad, Bernard Halaschak, Richard Lambert, Gerald Klimczyk, William Smith, John Smith.

Front row—Cletus Hagan, Robert Muraco, Richard Chantos, John Meitzler, Thomas Clark.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

The freshman basketball season's record was exceptionally good this year under Coach Haddad, assistant basketball coach, with the final report of seven straight victories for the last seven games and the winning of the Calumet Conference Tourney trophy.

Freshman B-Team

Top row—Ronald Rafferty, Frank Bogdon, William Halaschak, Lawrence Petruzzelli, Paul Anderson, Kenneth Clingan, Coach Haddad.

Front row—Ronald Kingery, Marvin Cline, Fred Armenth, George Glick, Leroy Webdell, Lawrence Snopel.





Top row—Assistant Coach Gaza, Robert Mayka, Ronald Mumaw, Thomas Meister, George Kasarda, Robert McDonald, Stephen Smith, Joseph Chester, Paul Blue, Track Coach Owen.

Second row—Edward Houck, James Scheuer, William Halaschak, Kent McDonald, William Smith, John Smith, Lawrence Snopel.

Front row—Felix Ortiz, Jack Scheuer, Bernard Halaschak, Ray Boylan, Wayne Wesley, Donald McBride, James Warren.

Track

The track team started its season with a win over Griffith and Edison of Gary at Griffith, took second place in a meet with Portage and Edison of Gary at Portage, then lost to Portage at Portage, which was followed by second place in a tri-meet with Lowell and Portage at

Lowell. Edison placed fifth in the All Conference Meet at Hobart on April 29.

Ed Houck was this year's outstanding track and field man, as he placed third in the sectional of the 1954 IHSAA track and field championships at Gary, fourth in the regional at East Chicago, and ninth at the state in Indianapolis.

Edward Houck



Felix Ortiz





Top row—Alan Jackson, Bernard Halaschak, Lee Morrison, Steven Pahos, Edward Dawson, Richard Lambert, Paul Brock, Roy Taylor, Alex Zinkovich, Kent Hardebeck.

Third row—Paul Blue, Russell Byrum, Lawrence Petruzelli, Larry Blue, Charles Gilmore, Jan Rappatta, James Meister, Wayne Wesley, Keith Brimmer, Andrew Grusak, Guy Everett, Robert Bendelt.

Second row—William Smith, Robert Miraco, John Smith, Donald McBride, Robert Mayka, Frank Aloia, Joseph Chester, Edward Houck, Jerome Barnes.

Front row—Paul Kurtos, Donald Shomaker, Felix Ortiz, Ray Taylor, George Morikis, Raymond Houck, Mitchell Najar, Carter Jackson.

E-MEN'S CLUB

As in past years the E-Men's Club is an honorary club. Only boys who have received a letter in one of the major sports—football,

basketball, or track—are eligible to become members of the club.

Each year the senior boys look forward to the Senior Honor Banquet held at Teibel's Restaurant in their honor. The banquet is sponsored by the Lions Club of East Gary. The senior lettermen, cheerleaders, and four top ranking scholastic students had the privilege of attending the banquet on May 3.

The annual athletic banquet, which honored all the athletes of Edison, was sponsored by the E-Men's Club and the Adult Booster Club of East Gary on May 11.



PERSONALITIES





Officers

Lawrence Petruzelli, president; Judith Keyak, secretary; Robert Muraco, treasurer; Verle Jones, vice-president.

FRESHMEN

Class Sponsors

Mr. Gaza
Mr. Georgakis

Mrs. Arnold
Miss Hartley



Each freshman entered the halls of Edison with happy expectation and great exaltation. Many of the students were already familiar with the rules and regulations since they attended Edison during their seventh and eighth grade years.

They chose as their leaders: Nick Morikis, president; Lawrence Petruzelli, vice-president; Judith Keyak, secretary; Robert Muraco, treasurer. Due to the withdrawal of Nick Morikis, Lawrence Petruzelli became president of the class, and Verle Jones was elected vice-president. Rita Werner and Bernard Halaschak were elected as Student Council representatives.

The big event of the freshman year was the Turkey Hop. This dance was held after the Merrillville game on November 28. Music was furnished by the dance band.

Freshmen

Jyndel Adams
Carole Ahern
Barbara Alexander
Dolores Aloia



Jacqueline Amstein
Paul Anderson
Frederick Armenth
Leon Bartos
Elaine Bennett
Frances Bentley



Terry Bishop
Frank Bogdon
Ray Boylan
Johnyc Broadway
Wayne Brown
Michael Byrne



Edith Chambliss
Richard Chanton
Larry Choka
Thomas Clark
Marvin Cline
Kenneth Clingan



Diana Cornwell
Frances Dayberry
Margaret Downs
Beverly Draves
Janet Ann Evolga
Joyce Follow



William Gleason
George Glick
Angela Glorioso
Betty Greer
Cletus Hagan
Bernard Halaschak



William Halaschak
Daryl Hoyt
Carolyn Huckabee
Herman Jacobson
Jeanne Jahn
Edward Jaroszak



Verle Jones
Kathleen Kadish
Judith Kersey
William Kervin
Penelope Kettering
Judith Keyak



Ronald Kingery
Eva Kiraly
Romane Klisz
Gerald Klimczyk





Freshmen

Darlene Koloseci
Michael Kozak
Steven Kozak
Richard Lambert

Leo Loden
Marjorie Mattie
Carol Maurer
Phyllis Maurer
John Maza
Kent McDonald

Lois McEwan
John Meitzler
Charles Melton
Janice Michaels
Truman Miller
Mary Muldoon

Robert Muraco
Dolores Myers
Mary Najar
Paula Niehaus
Carolyn O'Kelly
Emmanuel Orlich

Leo Parkhurst
Marguerite Patterson
Eva Peek
Lawrence Petruzzelli
Jacqueline Pociaklik
Elizabeth Przybysz

Steven Pundrich
Ronald Rafferty
Frances Ritcheson
June Robertson
Harry Robinson
Marjorie Schavey

Peggy Scott
John Smith
Joyce Smith
LaVerne Smith
Linda Smith
William Smith

Lawrence Snopel
Gordon Taylor
Ruth Thompson
Elizabeth Todd
Mary Tsacoumangos
James Turner

Anne Walker
LeRoy Webdell
Rita Werner
Judith Wignall



Officers

Karen Havrilesko, secretary; Charles Gilmore, president; Thomas Meister, treasurer; Shirley Kersey, vice-president.

SOPHOMORES

Highlights of the year included the crowning of the carnival queen and the class dance. The members of the class elected Daniel Fronczak as a candidate for king and Alberta Nagy as a candidate for queen of the Central-Edison Parent-Teachers Association carnival, which was held on November 13. Among the class candidates chosen, Alberta Nagy was crowned queen of the carnival and received a Clinton watch.

The class dance was held on March 19 and was centered around a night club theme. The main event of the evening was a floor show with Alan Jackson as master of ceremonies.

Shirley Pelton and Judith Gardner represented the class on the Student Council.

Class Sponsors

Mr. Valenti
Mr. Tchalo

Miss Grabill
Miss Kattis



Sophomores



David Arrenson
Richard Augustine
Geraldine Benedict
Sandra Berg
Joseph Beverly
Larry Blue



Barbara Bottila
Kathleen Bottos
Yvonne Bozeman
Robert Boznak
John Bright
Patricia Brown



Russell Byrum
Angeline Castro
Charles Clemens
Albert Crider
Martha Cruikshank
Joyce Cunningham



Edward Dawson
Richard Dayberry
Rita Drake
Robert Fazekas
Larry Flanigan
Cecil Foltz



Lela Ford
Daniel Fronczak
Judith Gardner
Ruth Garzella
Charles Gilmore
Robert Gilmore



David Hardt
Karen Havrilesko
Carolann Hiller
Thomas Hodge
Beverly Houck
Raymond Houck



Dean Howell
Patsy Huckabee
Charles Ivlow
Alan Jackson
Paul Jarabek
Dennis Johnson



Arlene Johnston
Edna Jones
Catherine Kaiser
Demetria Kappos
George Kasarda
Shirley Keele



Shirley Kersey
Nancy King
Ernest Kingery
Stephen Kiraly
Marcia Klempa
Catherine Lopez

Sophomores

Carolyn Mattie
Shirley Mattingly
Robert Mayka
Eunice Maxwell



William Maxwell
Patricia McArdle
Sharon McKinney
Thomas Meister
John Millan
Herman Miller



James Mills
Darlene Mitchell
Leona Mock
Frank Mockaitis
Bessie Morikis
George Morikis



Lee Morrison
Judith Mosak
Ronald Mumaw
Alberta Nagy
James Needham
Sandra Owens



Steven Pahos
Kathryne Pappas
Shirley Pelton
Donald Przybysz
Lorne Rearick
Davon Reninjan



Bonita Rentz
Bert Rhynearson
Carol Schleff
Betty Schmelzer
Robert Semanick
Laura Smith



Jeanette Snell
William Sonntag
Kendall Spencer
Dorothy Thompson
Charles Tomaga
Toni Tucker



Lloyd Wagner
Michael Wagner
Charles Warren
John Wells
Larry White
Gary Whitedge



Violet Wineinger
Marianna Zieba
Darlene Zinkovich
Roy Woody





Officers

Fred Urbanek, vice-president; Sally Summers, treasurer; Donald McBride, president; George Greer, secretary.

JUNIORS

Class Sponsors

Mr. Williams
Mr. Paolissio

Mrs. Crisman
Mrs. Miller



At the beginning of the year, class officers were elected, and Dallas Lehmann and Peggy Barker were chosen as Student Council representatives.

First on the round of activities was the relinquishing of the title as winner of the girl's "Powder Puff" football game by only one point to the seniors on October 28.

Phyllis Cohn and Carl Jablonski were chosen as junior candidates for queen and king of the Central-Edison P.T.A. carnival. Carl Jablonski was crowned as king of the carnival on November 13. Honors went to the juniors again when Barbara Schaefer was crowned Sweetheart Queen of the Sunshine dance on February 13.

The month of April proved to be a busy time of the year, as the class play was presented on April 9, which was followed by the class dance on April 30. "Off the Track," a three-act comedy, had a different twist from plays given at Edison, since the scene was a small wayside railroad station and the cast consisted of a strange mixture of people thrown together by a derailed train.

The long-awaited Junior-Senior Prom ended the activities of the juniors on May 13 at Marquette Park Pavilion. The Stardust theme created a delightful atmosphere to the tunes of Fred Robert's orchestra.

Juniors

Frank Aloia
Bruce Bailey
Peggy Barker
Jerome Barnes
Robert Bendfelt



Beverly Berg
Kathleen Blagg
Richard Bloomquist
Paul Blue
Nancy Bogdon



Nellie Bright
Carol Broadway
Phyllis Bumbera
Gloria Castro
Virginia Cherry



Joseph Chester
Autoinette Chokka
Phyllis Cohn
Jo Ann Cole
James Conway



Helen Coulter
Audree Duffee
Guy Everett
Robert Fiebelkorn
Ivan Glaney



Loretta Gray
George Greer
Wayne Hagan
Ann Marie Halaschak
Raedeanne Hickman



Carl Jablonski
John Jakich
Sharon Jarabek
Gary King
Arlene Kupke



Juniors

Louise Kurtos
Paul Kurtos
Josephine Kushneruk
Dallas Lehmann
Lester Loden

Marie Lopez
June Manning
Raymond Marks
Donald McBride
Betty Mize

Dorothea Mize
Ursula Norvil
Olivia Parker
Elizabeth Rich
Barbara Schaefer

Jack Scheuer
James Scheuer
Gene Schrader
Mary Ann Shoemaker
Donald Shomaker

Kenneth Skeen
William Strong
Sally Summers
Marylan Thompson
Carol Thorgren

Charles Torrez
Fred Urbanc
James Warren
Wayne Wesley
Gerald Wiles

Wanda Wolfe
Barbara Zajac
Alex Zinkovich



SENIORS

Edward D. Houck

Senior President, Student Council, Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Choir, Boys' Chorus, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track.



Donna Jean Berg

Senior Vice-President, Student Council, *Eagle Feathers* Associate Editor, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, G.A.A. Vice-President.



Felix Ortiz

Senior Secretary, Sophomore President, E-Men's Club Secretary-Treasurer, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track.



Joyce Adams

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, G.A.A., Choir, Girls' Chorus, Cherrilets.



Susanna Armenth

Edisonian Advertising Manager, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, G.A.A., Booster Club, Future Teachers Assn., Modern Music Masters, Band, Cherrilets, Pep Band.



William Benton

Junior Play, E-Men's Club, Football.

Keith Brimmer

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football.

SENIORS



Paul Brock

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Donald Burton

Frank Carrigan

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football.



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Freddie L. Cochran

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Student Council, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, G.A.A., Booster Club President.

SENIORS

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Junior Play, Sunshine Society Vice-President, Rekamemoh Club, G.A.A., Future Teachers Assn., Booster Club.



John Gilbert DeVane

Hi-Y, Band Vice-President.



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Lee Duck



Robert Eddy

E-Men's Club, Football, B-Team Basketball.

Charles Warren Ellis

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Joseph A. Feistling

Junior Play, Science Club, Choir, Boys' Chorus.

Edward William Funkhauser

Science Club, Band.

SENIORS



Joyce Grogan

Senior Play, Sunshine Society, G.A.A., Booster Club.



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Richard M. Hamady

Hi-Y, Choir, Track.



Kent Hardebeck

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football, B-Team, Freshman Basketball.

Barbara Havrilesko

Eagle Feathers Editor, *Edisonian* Associate Editor, Senior Play, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, G.A.A., Future Teachers Assn., Booster Club, Band, Pep Band, Modern Music Masters.



Jerry W. Haywood

Junior Play.

Marie M. Hernandez

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, Booster Club.

SENIORS

Marilyn Ann Homolla

Student Council, *Edisonian* Advertising Manager, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club President, G.A.A., Future Teachers Assn., Vice-President, Booster Club, Modern Music Masters, Science Club, Band.



Beverley Ann Hoskins

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, Booster Club, Choir, Girls' Chorus.



Jack L. Hoyt

Junior Play, Student Council, Hi-Y, Science Club, E-Men's Club, Choir, Band, Dance Band, Pep Band, Football.



Betty Ann Jakich

Freshman Treasurer, *Edisonian* Advertising Manager, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Senior Play, Sunshine Society Treasurer, Rekamemoh Club Vice-President, G.A.A., Booster Club Treasurer, Future Teachers Assn., Modern Music Masters, Cherrilets, Band, Cheerleader.



Marilyn Kersey

Junior Play, Sunshine Society, G.A.A., Future Teachers Assn., Booster Club, Cherrilets, Band Treasurer, Pep Band, Dance Band, Modern Music Masters.

Ronald Kersey

Sophomore Vice-President, Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track.

SENIORS



Rosemary Kovacic

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Trinidad Lopez

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, Booster Club.

Nanee Martin

Sunshine Society, G.A.A., Booster Club, Band, Pep Band.

Twyla McCallister

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, G.A.A., Choir, Cherrilets.

James R. Meister

Sophomore Treasurer, Student Council President and Secretary-Treasurer, Science Club, E-Men's Club, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Cross Country.

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Mitchell Frank Najar

E-Men's Club, Football, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track.

Joan Newman

Junior Play, Sunshine Society, G.A.A., Booster Club.

SENIORS

Helen Burnham Nolan

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, G.A.A., Booster Club.



Norma Jeanne Patterson

Sophomore Secretary, Student Council, Junior Play, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Sunshine Society President and Secretary, G.A.A., Booster Club, Choir Vice-President, Girls' Chorus, Cherrilets, Modern Music Masters Treasurer.



Irene Pedroza

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, Booster Club.

Barbara Poffinganger

Senior Play, Sunshine Society, Future Teachers Assn. Secretary-Treasurer, Booster Club, Choir.



Ruth Prokop

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Jan Rappatta

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football.



Kay Robertson

Eagle Feathers Business Manager, G.A.A., Science Club.

Carl Sanders

Junior and Senior Plays, B-Team, Cross Country.

SENIORS



Agnes Semanick

Junior Play, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Club, Booster Club, Choir, Girls' Chorus.



Stephen J. Smith

Eagle Feathers Sports Editor, Junior Play, Science Club, E-Men's Club Vice-President, Football, Track, Cross Country.



Phyllis Sykes

Junior and Freshman Secretary, Sunshine Society, Booster Club, Cherrilets, Band, Pep Band, Dance Band, Modern Music Masters.



Ray Taylor

Junior Vice-President, Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Choir, Boys' Chorus, Football, Freshman Basketball, Track.

Roy Taylor

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football, B-Team.

SENIORS

Patricia Taylor

Eagle Feathers Staff, Sunshine Society, G.A.A., Band.



Donar R. Teske

Football.



Robert E. Thews

E-Men's Club Secretary-Treasurer, B-Team, Freshman Basketball.

Francis J. Tomaga



Richard F. Uhli

Freshman Basketball.

Richard Tuthill

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Emanuele Venturella

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Finally, they advanced to that dreamed-of position of upper classmen. This year, the junior year, was filled with many events including the junior class play, class dance, rings, and prom. The girls brought their share of honor to the class by defeating the seniors 25 to 0 in the "Powder Puff" football game. The girls and boys shared equal ranks as officers: Joyce Minor, president; Ray Taylor, vice-president; Phyllis Sykes, secretary; Richard Uhlir, treasurer.

They were SENIORS as their fourth and most important year arrived. They assumed a new importance of supposed sophistication. This was their final and busiest year. Senior officers were Edward Houck, president; Donna Berg, vice-president; Felix Ortiz, secretary; Verna Faitak, treasurer.

The girls performed the initial stunt by winning the second annual "Powder Puff" football game 7 to 6 on November 4, which was followed by the class play the same week on November 6. "Let Me Grow Up" was presented with huge success. The class dance was held after the Edison-Wirt game on December 11.

Graduation, which came nearer and nearer, was heralded by senior pictures, name cards, and announcements. The seniors were entertained by the juniors at the annual Prom at Marquette Park Pavilion on May 13. A closed dance was held during senior week on May 26.

Baccalaureate was held on May 23; the seniors donned their caps and gowns for the first time—realizing that four wonderful years were coming to a close and another phase of life was beginning. That day for which they had been preparing was at hand, and on May 28, the Class of 1954 was graduated.



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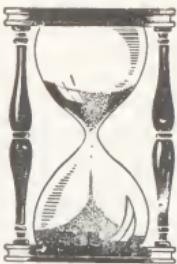
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